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Last Week of the Session.

The situation in Congress at the opening of the last week of the session is such as promises to disclose the veterans of that body at their best. All of them will be on their mettle, with experienced eyes peeled for whatever opportunities may present themselves. Now is the time to push one's own projects, and block, if possible, the other fellow's. Society goes on the black list. A scheme may lurk in any invitation. The thing to do is to keep awake and keep on deck, ready for all comers and scrutinizing closely everything that shows on the horizon.

To the casual observer matters appear chaotic. How will it be possible in five days and a half to dispose of the great amount of business that awaits attention? How can supply bills carrying hundreds of millions be examined and passed upon in that time with the proper care? The days, it would seem, should be lengthened into weeks for so important a task.

But the casual observer forgets, or does not know, that much of all this business has already been thrashed out in committee and in informal conferences, and that official opinions are now pretty well made up about it. All Senators do not gather their first information about one of these bills after it passes the House. They have followed its course over there both in committee and in the open debates, and know its totals and details long before they are called upon themselves to take it up.

What is really on the cards for this week, therefore, is the display of the skill of the conferee. He holds the center of the stage. Into his hands many things are committed. There are amendments to bills put in purely for trading purposes. He must handle them with the utmost care, and capitalize them at their greatest value. There are figures put forward high, and he must see that they are not scaled below the point agreed upon by those who have cast them up with scaling in view. In a word, the conferee, whether senator or representative, has a week of strenuous before him likely to try him out both intellectually and physically.

But these bills will go through, and some others may besides. The work will be pushed to the limit of time—and not improbably the clock for a few minutes be set back to clear the table—and the President when he reaches the Capitol to take the oath for his new term will find the last of the measures awaiting his signature.

A Fit Building Assured.

By agreeing to the Senate's amendment increasing the cost limit of one municipal building to \$2,500,000 the House conferees have avoided a serious blunder in the execution of plans for the development of the capital. It had become absolutely certain that the money available under the first enactment would not suffice for a structure of better materials than brick. Such a building would be a disgrace to the city and the country. What the conferees have done is to put the House on Pennsylvania avenue as a token of the cheese-paring of Congress in all matters pertaining to the District, a shameful mark of congressional failure to perform faithfully the duty imposed upon the houses by the Constitution. With \$2,500,000 it will be possible to erect a municipal building of the best materials, either marble or granite, and to place the other public structures of Washington. Situated in close association with the White House group, and within the area now regarded as the probable site of all the government's future buildings, a municipal building thus constructed will be an ornament to the capital and a credit to the country.

It is astonishing that there should have been any disinclination on the part of the House to accept the assurance of the District Commissioners that the building could not be constructed of granite or marble for the sum originally named, or any reluctance to regard that assurance as sufficient reason to enlarge the cost limit. Is the District in kind of a forced to beg for the necessities? Certain things pertaining to a federal capital must be regarded as absolutely needful if it is to be worthy the name and is to become a type of the nation, even if they involve extra expenditures and are to be classified with aesthetic embellishments. The scale must be liberal or the country will never acquire a federal city of which it will be proud in every detail.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's gratitude to providence because he is a citizen of Canada and not of the United States is a reminder of the Gilbert ditties about the man who resisted all temptations to belong to other nations.

The King of England is not expected to say significant things in his speeches. He is not supposed to be so injudicious as to jeopardize a sentence.

Nan Patterson's counsel could probably pick out six intelligent men that they would like to see serving on the jury a second time.

Finishing a Great Work.

With the inauguration five days off, it is possible to regard the work of the committee in charge of the preparations as practically completed. The final touches are being put upon the stands and other physical outfit of the occasion, but the great labor of planning and providing means and overcoming obstacles is virtually finished. It has been a heavy task, heavier this year than usual for various reasons. Immediately upon the organization of the committee came the difficulty about the pension building, which held up the preparations for the ball and incidentally checked other enterprises connected with the ceremonies. It was unsafe for the committee to proceed until they were assured that a government building would be given for this purpose, as usual, to enable them to defray the heavy expenses of preparations. Then, when the pension office trouble was settled, came the difficulty about the housing of troops invited to attend the inauguration. Hereafter these troops have been quartered in the government buildings, but permission was refused this year under a statute, and the only solution of the problem was afforded by the chance which placed at the disposal of the committee the private dwellings condemned by the government for an office building. Even when this grant was made by Congress some of the occupants refused to vacate in season and further troubles were encountered.

But despite all the difficulties and delays and annoyances, the task proceeded smoothly and with enterprise under Chairman Wilson's energetic supervision and the

results are now showing in a businesslike preparation of the city in the many lines converging upon the 4th. There is no doubt in the mind of the Washingtonian that the tens of thousands of visitors will be afforded a brilliant spectacle and given the best possible accommodations. There will be some discomfort, of course. It is impossible to increase the population of a city by one-third or more without causing elbows to touch and some delays in service of one kind and another. But Washington's streets are broad and smooth—it is to be hoped they will be clean by Saturday—the city is excellent in most respects and the housing accommodations are admirable. Short of the possibility of a severe storm or a sharp freeze at the end of the week, every visitor to the capital should enjoy the visit and regard it as a memorable occasion.

Few of the guests will ever know of the task that has been accomplished for the benefit of the country by the men composing the various committees. They are working without pay, for no rewards save the satisfaction of their sense of public duty. They are expending time and energy that could not be bought, and they are deserving of the warmest praise and the most sincere co-operation.

Bebels, German and American.

It so happens that on Saturday sea power was the subject of discussion in the German Reichstag and in the United States Senate, and in both bodies increased governmental expenditures in that line were severely criticised. In the Reichstag Herr Bebel, the socialist leader, voiced the opposition, and in the Senate Mr. Hale, the chairman of the naval committee. The latter, it is true, was supporting the bill under discussion, but was doing so under sort of compulsion. He improved the opportunity to lambaste the American program quite as vigorously as Herr Bebel did the German program, and very much on the same line of argument.

Said Herr Bebel in his speech: "Against whom are these immense naval preparations directed? England? We can never compete with England on the sea. We have not the money, nor is such rivalry essential to our security. Sea power is necessary to England, but not to us. France? The superiority of our land forces is a sufficient guarantee of our safety. Russia? She is a mere land power. North America? War with her is unthinkable."

Observe that, as against France, Herr Bebel puts his reliance on the army. And yet, as a rule, there is much complaint in German socialist circles of army expenditures as of those for the navy. Why, it is asked, keep up so great a military establishment in time of peace? Why not lay out the money in other directions? And as for Russia, Herr Bebel ignores the fact that the lack of a navy of sufficient proportions explains in large measure Russia's present plight. What would not the czar give today if he had spent more money for ships—twice as much—in the last ten years! Germany is safe from Russia on the sea for decades, but only for the reason that Russia failed to provide herself in due season with sea power enough.

But Germany's case on the sea is not America's. Where she spends one dollar we can well afford to spend two. If we were to withdraw tomorrow from every island we now control there would still be our long coast lines here at home for consideration, and the proposition for rehabilitating and protecting our merchant marine. To talk about canceling our naval program, or, worse still, about disarmament, sounds strange in the circumstances. The American socialists are not numerous or influential as yet, but the leaders among them—Bebels of the future—will echo every word that Mr. Hale has spoken, and feel very much obliged to him for his company.

Judge Swayne Acquitted.

Judge Swayne's acquittal on all charges is in no degree a surprise, despite the fact that articles of impeachment drawn by the House are supposed to constitute a formidable prima facie case. When the charges were first filed they did not impress the country profoundly, and when the case was presented to the Senate they seemed to lack substance. The Senate votes approximately two to one in acquittal, the vote for Judge Swayne being much larger on some of the specifications. A phenomenon not generally expected is the drawing of party lines in the main, the republicans being in the majority, voting to acquit, with few exceptions, and the democrats voting almost solidly to convict. The case now passes and the Senate is freed from a time-consuming task to devote itself during the brief remainder of the session to a seriously congested calendar of legislative business. The whole affair has thus been fruitful only of delay in the performance of the absolutely necessary work of Congress, but it has afforded an interesting spectacle, the Senate pausing at the close of a short and exceptionally busy session to sit as a trial court and proceeding to dispose with all the constitutional formalities of charges filed against a federal judge.

John Paul Jones.

Those in charge of the search should be very particular in the matter of John Paul Jones. The chances would seem to be against recovery. So many years have elapsed, and such changes have taken place since his death in that part of Paris where he was buried, that numerous difficulties present themselves. And we must remember that the hero of this day was the charity corpse of that. Those who laid him away probably had no idea of his fame, but his fame would be, and may not have made it possible to identify the dust at the end of a hundred years. The country bows before a great name, and would spare no pains or expense in honoring it, but we should know beyond a doubt that our labors have been rewarded before we prepare a sepulcher.

Governor Pennypacker should consider the case of President Roosevelt, who has had his full share of attention from the satirists, pictorial and graphic, and is still popular.

Judge Alton Parker may derive some satisfaction from the reflection that he has stuck close to the radiator and he takes chances on 4th of March weather.

The Senators are being criticised so much that it is no wonder the Washington club wants to change the nickname of its players.

There may yet be an inaugural parade in which the promoters of really good trusts may consent to march as an exhibit.

The Russians have always been willing to admit that those North Sea boats did not deserve to be fired upon.

Any one who doesn't believe that a man is useful after sixty can ask Russell Sage.

The Country's Interest.

There is no mistaking the keen interest which the country at large is taking in the preparations for President Roosevelt's inauguration. Yesterday's editions of the largest of the eastern newspapers contained many pictures and illustrations of the occasion. Interesting historical matters were included, showing contrasts between inaugurations of the past and that which will take place next Saturday. To judge from these prints, which are doubtless only samples of what the western newspapers not yet received in Washington are publishing yesterday, the whole country is watching the preparations with the keenest interest.

this city for the accommodation and entertainment of a great body of visitors. It is a gratifying sign that the states are alive to the importance and significance of the ceremonial and an assurance of a rousing attendance from all parts of the country.

The Japanese are proceeding to win victories with the satisfaction which comes from a conviction that Russia will ultimately have to pay the cost of the campaign.

The specimens of inauguration weather submitted during the past few days are entirely satisfactory and the goods should be ordered without delay.

J. Pierpont Morgan may surrender a few art treasures to Europe, but it would be pretty hard for anybody to get his prize collie away from him.

Castro is now face to face with a revolution. He has had a longer inning than the average South American presidential enjoys.

Dr. Osler explains, but the chances are that he will feel it necessary to appear in print again to explain his explanation.

Tom Watson may have under consideration a few magazine articles on the subject of frenzied politics.

General Stoessel could hardly be criticised for feeling that he is not as lucky as Rogostevsky.

SHOOTING STARS.

Not Impressed.

"When you grow up you may be President of the United States."

"Yes," said the small boy discontentedly, "and ride in a carriage with black clothes and a silk hat on, instead of wearing a uniform like the drum major."

Hopes.

"Do you think you will ever get even with that Russian vessel that fired on you?"

"No," answered the North sea trawler, "not unless the Japanese get hold of it."

"De man dat makes de mos' noise in dis world," said Uncle Eben, "some times gets de credit for what other people manage to do in spite of his disturbance."

The Headliner.

This world is but a fleeting show; The saying lingers still Inauguration day will be The best thing in the bill.

Opinions of Importance.

"Is he a man whose opinions count for much?"

"I should say he is. He works in the weather bureau."

An Irresistible Conclusion.

He wrote his way to fame.

If someone chanced to fill his head

He wrote it just the same.

His essays were made up of queer

Opinionated knicks,

And people trembled at the sneer

Of Jingle Burnum Jinks.

He showed where Shakespeare sometimes

Failed.

Although his work was fair;

At Swift he arrogantly railed;

He patronized Voltaire.

The life work of the world's great men

He'd crush in forty weeks,

And very few escaped the pen

Of Jingle Burnum Jinks.

But those who followed him at length

Grew very sad indeed.

They cried, "pray show us, in your strength,

What is there left to read!

Upon what author may we lean

As one who really thinks?"

He answered with an air serene,

"Why, Jingle Burnum Jinks."

No Industrial Autocracy Wanted.

From the Kansas City Star.

The universal feeling of unrest under the

monopoly of the Standard Oil Company

ought to suggest to railroad managers the

reason for the public's insistence upon

governmental supervision of freight rates.

A monopoly may insist that its charges are

reasonable and that policy of "en-

lightened self-interest" compels it to keep

them at the lowest possible point in order

to develop business. But the people will

never be satisfied to continue indefinitely

under a monopolistic regime without as-

suming authority to regulate rates. The

existing industrial system has been built

up on the theory that competition, actual

or potential, would act as an automatic

regulator of charges. But once let this

theory be eliminated and the people are

bound to substitute some other. Their ex-

perience has led them to distrust autocracy

which does not escape the attention of

political. This is the reason that the na-

tion will not be satisfied to allow unre-

stricted freedom to the railroads, which, as

the Wall Street Journal says, are "now

brought practically under the will of eight

or nine men."

The Last of the Redcoats.

From the Springfield Republican.

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